The Daily Gazetteer.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1744.

Hague, June 24.

WE see here the famous Letter from M. de Court to the Bishop of Rennes, Ambassador from the Crown of France at the Court of Spain, in relation to the famous Sea Fight on Feb. 22, 1744. This Letter is certainly very curious, as it was what occasion'd the Disgrace of that great Officer.

He, in the first Place observes, that the Sea Officers in the Service of Spain, have been, for a long Time, a good deal out of Humour with France; and that, so long ago as the Year 1741, he actually sav'd the Spanish Squadron under the Command of M. Navarro; and that, in spite of all that Officer could do; who, out of mere Affectation, stood out to Sea, and in Sight of Admiral Haddock; though he very well knew that the Court was determined to keep within Sight of Land, as believing, that if he did what his Orders directed, he did enough; and that he was not bound to join the Squadron under his Command, for the Sake of saving the English, under an Admiral whose Courage and Conduct were not then to be questioned; having appear'd on all Occasions, even to the Spaniards themselves, not incapable of Censure only, but above Criticism.

Speaking of the late Engagement, he delivers himself in the following Terms. The Order of Battle in a Navy, signifies a continued Line of all the Vessels that compose that Navy; which ought to sail as close to each other as conveniently they can. This Line is divided into three Squadrons; the First called, the Van-Guard; the Second, the Corps de Battaille, because in the Centre; and the Third, the Rear-Guard. The Commander in Chief, in a Day of Action, is always in the Centre of the Corps de Battaille; but it is to be observed, that there is no Interval, no Distinction between these Squadrons, except what arises from the Admiral's Flag; and the Colours of the other Ships belonging to each Division. This ought to have been the Order of the combined Fleets of France and Spain; and such, indeed, it was at the Van-Guard, and of the Corps de Battaille, but not of the Rear-Guard. M. de Court says, that at the beginning of the Battle he saw only the Ships following the Serious; and the America, which, followed the Orient, which were in their proper Posts; but there was a great Void between this last Ship and those that preceeded the Royal Philip; and a much greater between those that followed her; and that this Confusion engaged Admiral Matthews, who was on the very Point of attacking the French Admiral, to tack, with the strongest Ships, to surround the Royal Philip, and the four Ships that were with her.

As soon as the Battle began between the English and Spaniards, the French found themselves fronting Part of the Corps de Battaille, and the whole Van-Guard of the English Navy. In a Quarter of an Hour's Time the Neptune, the Orient, the Holy Ghost, the Terrible, and the Triton, which was one of M. de Court's Seconds, were all engaged; it is visible, that in such a Situation, it could not be expected that the French Admiral should go to the Assistance of the Spaniards; neither could the Van-Guard of the Fleet do it, without running the Hazard of being surrounded by the Van-Guard of the English, which had the Wind of them: But as soon as the English left him, he drew together all the Ships of both Squadrons, and sailed immediately to the Assistance of the Royal Philip; in doing which, he exposed himself to the Fire of the whole English Line; but, happily for him, says he, the English did not punish his Rashness as he deserv'd. He afterwards lay between the Spanish Squadron and the Enemy all Night; which gave Admiral Navarro Time to repair, and carry off his damag'd Ships, which otherwise he never could have done.

I should be glad, my Lord, concludes M. de Court, to know the Reason why such an Outcry should be set up against me, for leaving the Spaniards to be beat to Pieces, when Part of my Squadron was actually engag'd, and the rest expected to engage every Moment; at the same time that we hear not one Word about the five Spanish Ships of that Admiral's Squadron which never made the least Effort to support him? It was not I, my Lord, who forced M. Navarro to fight against all the Rules of Art and Prudence; it was not I who separated his Ships from him, and threw him in Danger; but after he had taken so much Pains, in spite of all that I could do, to get himself handsomely beat, it was I that came into his Assistance, and gave him an Opportunity of getting away, which otherwise he never could have had; and in Return, the five Spanish Captains, either to hide their own Cowardice, or to cover their ill Conduct, raised a Clamour, not only against me, but against the whole French Nation, as if we were all Traitors, and had formed a Design, nay, and executed it too, as far as was in our Power, of betraying, and sacrificing them to the English; whereas the Truth of the Matter is, if they were sacrificed, they were sacrificed by their own Folly. Truth, my Lord, is Truth; and I appeal to the Spaniards, nay, to the English as well as the French, whether I have not stated the Fact just as it happened. The Reputation of an Officer is his all. I have lost the Command without repining, but I can never lose this, but with my Life.

HOME PORTS.

Dover, June 18. Arrived the Charming Molly, Butterfield, from South Carolina, in six Weeks Passage; and the St. Antonio, Wydeers, from Lisbon, also his Majesty's Ship Anglesea, from Spithead.

Deal, June 18. Wind S. W. Came down Yesterday his Majesty's Ship Suffolk, for Portsmouth; the Baltimore, Biggs, and the Charles, Allingham, both for Maryland, and sailed with the Outward-bound Ships; also sailed the Shippen, Norris, for Amsterdam. Remains the Princess Augusta Privateer, Legrose, for a Cruize; the Carteret, Friend, for Virginia; and the Betty Tender, for Liverpool. Just arrived the Anglesea Man of War from the Westward.

Gravesend, June 18. Pass'd by the Salvator, Tiffe, from Norway.

LONDON.

A Board of General Officers sate at Whitehall on the 7th and 8th Instant, in order to enquire into a Complaint made against General James Oglethorpe, by Lieutenant-Colonel William Cooke, whom the said General Oglethorpe had appointed Engineer; and who, when the Spaniards came to invade Georgia with a Fleet and Army of between 4 and 5000 Men, came Home here to England, under Pretence of Sickness; exhibited this Charge against the General, consisting of 19 Articles, and petition'd the King to have it heard, several Officers and Soldiers having been brought from the Regiment in Georgia to give Evidence; and upon the examining this Charge, Article by Article, the Board were of Opinion, that it was, in every Respect, false, groundless, and malicious; and upon their Report, his Majesty was graciously pleas'd to order the said Lieutenant-Colonel William Cooke to be broke.

The Providence, of Sunderland, taken by the Sun Privateer, of Dunkirk, of 26 Guns, and 190 Men, is retaken by his Majesty's Ship the Sheerness.

The Hate, Smith, from North Carolina for London, was lost coming out of that Place.

We hear from Oxford, that on Saturday last the Reverend Mr. Bromley, Son to the late Right Hon. Mr. Secretary Bromley, took his Degrees as Doctor of Divinity, in that University.

On Sunday Morning died, in advanced Years, at his Lodgings in Mincing-lane, Mr. Van Beck, a great Dutch Merchant.

The Cargo of the La Fidele, taken by the Salamander Privateer, consists of 221 Hogsheads and 25 Barrels of Sugar; 228 Bags of Cotton, 51 Hogsheads, 131 Sacks, and 70 small Barrels, of Coffee.

Yesterday a Daughter of one Mr. Andrews, of Moorfields, was run over by a Cart, at London Wall, and killed on the Spot.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Commodore Anson, Capt. Medley, and the Hon. Capt. Townshend, to be Admirals.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice Lee is so well recovered from his late Indisposition, that he sat Yesterday in the Court of King's Bench, Westminster, to hear Causes.

Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Rutland set out for his Seat at Belvoir Castle in Rutlandshire, for the Remainder of the Summer.

Last Monday Evening Mr. Brett, a Periwig-Maker in Spring Gardens, dropp'd down dead of an Apoplectick Fit; as he was sitting in his Chair; he had just before been at Supper, and in perfect Health.

Yesterday there was a general Review of the First Regiment of Foot Guards in Hyde Park, by Lieutenant-Colonel Follot, and they went thro' their Exercise with great Applause: His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland was present.

From the London Gazette.

Kensington, June 12. This Day the Sieur Jordan, Resident from the Elector Palatine, had a private Audience of Leave of his Majesty; to which he was introduced by the Right Hon. the Lord Carteret, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

High Water this Day at London-Bridge.	Morning		Evening	
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Bank Stock, 143 1-4th to 1-half. India, 174 3-4ths. South Sea, 107 1-half. Old Annuity, 110 or New ditto, 110 to 1-8th. Three per Cent. 93. Ditto 1743. 93 3-4ths. Ditto 1744. 90 7-8ths. Seven per Cent. Loan, 114. Five per Cent. ditto, 73 to 1-half. Royal Assurance, 76. London Assurance, 11. India Bonds, 2 l. to 2 l. 1 s. to 2 s. Prem. Bank Circulation, 4 l. 17 s. 6 d. Prem. Sur Tallies, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Million Bank, 115. Equivalent, 110. Tickets, 10 l. 17 s.

Admiralty-Office, June 16, 1744.

THE *Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby require and direct, That all Officers and Seamen who belong to any of his Majesty's Ships at Home, and are absent on their private Account, whether with Leave or without, do immediately return to their respective Ships, on Pain of being Cashier'd, if an Officer; and tried as a Deserter, if a Petty-Officer or Private Man.*

Thomas Corbett.

Admiralty-Office, June 18, 1744.

WHEREAS *One Hundred Men of the late Company of his Majesty's Ship the* Advice, *who were afterwards, for a short Time, on board the* Victory, *had Leave given them to be Fourteen Days a-shore; and were directed, at the Expiration thereof, to repair on board his Majesty's Ship the* Lenox, *at Woolwich; and whereas the said Leave of Absence expired Yesterday, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby direct, That they do immediately repair on board his Majesty's said Ship the* Lenox, *at Woolwich, where they will be paid the Remainder of the Wages due to them for their Service in the* Advice; *But if any fail therein, they will not only lose the aforesaid Payment, but the Marshal of the Admiralty will be ordered to apprehend them, in order to their being tried at a Court Martial as Deserters.*

Thomas Corbett.

Admiralty-Office, June 18, 1744.

WHEREAS *the late Company of his Majesty's Ship the* Ipswich, *had Leave given them to be Fourteen Days a-shore, and were directed, at the Expiration thereof, to repair on board his Majesty's Ship the Princess Royal, at Portsmouth; and whereas the said Leave of Absence expir'd Yesterday, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby direct, That they do immediately repair on board his Majesty's Ship the St. George, at Spithead, where they will be paid the Remainder of the Wages due to them for their Service in the Ipswich; But if any fail therein, they will not only lose the aforesaid Payment, but the Marshal of the Admiralty will be ordered to apprehend them, in order to their being tried as a Court Martial as Deserters.*

Tho. Corbett.

WESTLEY *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Thursday* the 14th Day of *June*, 1744, and in the 18th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, King of *Great Britain*, &c.

IT *is Agreed and Ordered by this Court, that if any Person, who hath been nominated to be Sheriff of this City and County of* Middlesex, *in Pursuance of an Act of Common Council, made the* 22d *of* October, 1703, *shall, on or before* Saturday *the* 23d *Instant, at* Six *of the Clock in the Evening, pay into the Chamber of* London, *for the Use of this City, the Sum of Four hundred Pounds, pursuant to the said Act; and also Twenty Marks more, towards the Maintenance of the Ministers of the several Prisons of this City, according to another Act of Common Council, made the* 3d Day of December, 1656, *and the usual Fees, every such Person shall be exempted from being eligible to the said Office of Sheriff of this City and County of* Middlesex, *for ever hereafter, unless such Person shall, at any time, take upon him the Office of an Alderman of this City, then, and in such Case, he shall be liable to be elected into the said Office of Sheriff, as if this Order had never been made.*

MAN.

Custom-House, London, June 8, 1744.

For SALE,

By Order of the Hon. the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, &c.

ON *Wednesday the 20th Instant, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, will be put up to Sale in the Long Room in the Custom-House, London,*

Several Parcels of Bohea and Green Tea, Coffee, and Tobacco Ashes, clear of all Duties.

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Printed for M. Cooper, at the Globe in Paternoster-row

Advertisement.

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1. J. Newtoni Opuscula Mathematica, Philosophica, & Philologia. Collegit partimque Latine vertit ac recensuit J. Castillionens. Accessit Commentariolus de Vitâ Auctoris. 2 vol. 4to. Genev. 1744.

2. Mazini Opera omnia. Institutiones, Physico-Medico Mechanicæ complectens. 3 vol. 4to. Brixiæ, 1743.

3. Vulpius de Satyrâ latinâ Naturæ, ejusque Scriptoribus qui superfunt, Horatio, Persio, Juvenali, 8vo. Petav. 1744.

4. Catalogus Librorum in omne genere Scientiarum rarissimorum, Notis criticis perpetuò illustratus. 8vo. Bernæ, 1743.

5. Catullus, Tibullus & Propertius, priscini nitori restituti accedunt Fragmenta C. Gallo inscripta. 12mo. Paris. 1744.

6. Don Quechote en Espagnole, avec des Fig. d'Apres les beaux desseins de Coypel. 4 vol. 12mo. La Haye, 1744.

7. Giornali Letterati, 12mo. 3 tom. Ferenza, 1743.

8. Sermons par Henri Chatelain, 8vo 2 tom. Amst. 1744.

9. Le Prince des Aignes Marines, avec Fig. 12mo. Car. 1744.

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12. Memoires de Madame la Comtesse de ***, Haye, 1744.

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